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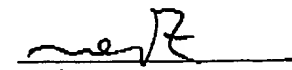
In paragraph 1 the Examiner states that the application contains 5 groups of inventions. The applicants choose to elect group II comprising claims 143-158 and 200-205.

Accordingly the applicants withdraw without prejudice claims 1-135, claims 176-199 and claims 206-218. It should be noted that the applicants are considering filing divisional applications on the claims that have been withdrawn.

The species listed by the Examiner in paragraph 3 are irrelevant to the elected claims, therefore no species election is required.

The elected claims have been indicated by the Examiner of the IPER as meeting the requirements of the PCT to receive a patent. Accordingly a patent allowance is respectfully awaited. If the Examiner is unable to agree that the elected claims are all patentable, he/she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at toll free 1-877-428-5468. This number connects directly to our office in Israel. Please note that Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington and that our work week is Sunday-Thursday.

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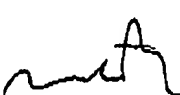
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Title: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR VASCULAR SURGERY						
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is: Response to Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2003</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>RECEIVED</b> JUL 14 2003 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700</p> <p>In the above identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 03-3419 as described below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p> <p> _____ Signature</p> <p>Dated: July 3, 2003</p> <p>Maier FENSTER, Reg. #41,016</p> <p>William H. Dippert, Esq. Reed Smith LLP 599 Lexington Avenue, 29th Floor New York, NY 10022-7650 Tel: (212) 521-5400</p> <p>cc:</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</td></tr><tr><td>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr><tr><td>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr></table>				I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence	Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence
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